SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Interagency Task Force meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the next meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES AND TIMES: Wednesday, June 7, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Where: Eisenhower Conference Room B, located on the Concourse level.

Teleconference Call In Number: 888–856–2144 Passcode: 4881729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (Task Force). The Task Force is established pursuant to Executive Order 13545 to coordinate the efforts of Federal agencies to improve capital, business development opportunities, and pre-established federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans.

Moreover, the Task Force shall coordinate administrative and regulatory activities and develop proposals relating to “six focus areas”: (1) Improving capital access and capacity of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans through loans, surety bonding, and franchising; (2) ensuring achievement of the pre-established Federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans through expanded mentor-protégé assistance and matching such small business concerns with contracting opportunities; (3) increasing the integrity of certifications of status as a small business concern owned and controlled by a veteran or service-disabled veteran; (4) reducing paperwork and administrative burdens on veterans in accessing business development and entrepreneurship opportunities; (5) increasing and improving training and counseling services provided to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; and (6) making other improvements relating to the support for veterans business development by the Federal Government.

Additional Information: This meeting is open to the public. Advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make comments to the Task Force must contact SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development no later than June 2, 2017 at veteransbusiness@sba.gov. Comments for the record should be applicable to the “six focus areas” of the Task Force and will be limited to five minutes in the interest of time and to accommodate as many participants as possible. Written comments should also be sent to the above email no later than June 2, 2017. Special accommodations requests should also be directed to SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205–6773 or to veteransbusiness@sba.gov.

For more information on veteran owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/veterans.


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SBA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10001]

Notice of Receipt of Express Pipeline LLC (Express US) Notification for Maintaining a Presidential Permit to Operate and Maintain Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State (“Department”) has received from Enbridge Inc. (“Enbridge”) notice that Enbridge has acquired the entities that own Express Pipeline LLC (“Express US”), which owns, operates and maintains pipeline facilities (“Express Pipeline”) authorized under a Presidential permit issued to Express US on July 9, 2015.

Express US will continue to own, operate, and maintain the Express Pipeline as well as hold the Presidential permit.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments within 30 days of the publication date of this notice on http:// www.regulations.gov with regard to whether maintaining a Presidential permit for the Express Pipeline would be in the national interest in light of the change in control of the existing border facility.

DATES: The Department will accept comments until June 26, 2017.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Enbridge’s notification is available at https://www.state.gov/e/ern/applicant/ applicants/expresspipeline/index.htm. Express US is a corporation duly organized under the laws of Delaware. The ultimate parent company of Express is now Enbridge, a publicly traded corporation based in Calgary, Canada with approximately 15,811 miles (25,446 kilometers) of active crude pipeline across North America. The Express Pipeline has been in operation since 1997 and primarily transports crude oil from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada.

Under Executive Order 13337 the Secretary of State is designated and empowered to receive all applications for Presidential permits for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the exportation or importation of liquid petroleum, petroleum products, or other non-gaseous fuels to or from a foreign country. The Department has the responsibility to determine whether issuance of a new Presidential permit reflecting the change in control of the Express Pipeline would be in the U.S. national interest.

Consistent with Public Notice 5092, (Procedures for Issuance of a Presidential Permit Where There Has Been a Transfer of the Underlying Facility, Bridge of Border Crossing for Land Transportation, 70 FR 30990, issued on May 31, 2005), the
Department typically does not conduct environmental analysis when deciding whether to issue a permit that reflects a change in ownership or control of an existing border facility, where that change in ownership or control is not accompanied by changes to the facilities or their use as authorized by the existing permit unless information is brought to the Department’s attention in connection with the application process that the transfer potentially would have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

To submit a comment, go to http://www.regulations.gov, enter Federal Registrar number DOS–2017–0024, and follow the prompts. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Marcus D. Lee, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Suite 4422, Washington, DC 20520.

Comments are not private. They will be posted on the Regulations.gov site. The comments will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and the Department cautions against including any information that one does not want publicly disclosed. The Department requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the Department inform those persons that the Department will not edit their comments to remove identifying or contact information, and that they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

Matthew T. McManus,
Acting Director, Office of Policy, Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 393X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—Between Mansfield and Bloomington, in McLean, Dewitt and Piatt Counties, Ill.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 30.40 miles of rail line between milepost UM 47.9 and milepost UM 78.3 between Mansfield and Bloomington, in McLean, Dewitt and Piatt Counties, Ill. (the Line).1 The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 61701, 61704, 61705, 61736, 61752, 61842, and 61854.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).7 To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 24, 2017, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,2 formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),3 and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 2, 2017. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 14, 2017, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

NSR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 30, 2017. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision. Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consumption with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consumption has not been effected by NSR’s filing of a notice of consumption by May 25, 2018, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consumption, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “WWW.STB.GOV.”


By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36109]

Grupo México, S.A.B. de C.V. and GMExco Transportes, S.A. de C.V.—Control Exemption—Florida East Coast Holdings Corp.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Correction to notice of exemption.

On April 10, 2017, GMExco Transportes, S.A. de C.V. (GMExco Transportes), a non-carrier holding